



<b>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</b>	<i>Application Number</i>	09/735,995
	<i>Filing Date</i>	14 December 2000
	<i>Named Inventor</i>	Mark T. KEATING
	<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1636
	<i>Examiner Name</i>	C.I. Qian
	<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	2323-156
<i>Title of the Invention:</i> <b>MUTATIONS IN AND GENOMIC STRUCTURE OF HERG - A LONG QT SYNDROME GENE</b>		

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
AND EXPRESS ABANDONMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In connection with the continuation application filed concurrently herewith, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of two (2) months in which to respond in the above application.


Please charge the statutory extension fee of \$210.00, and any discrepancies in payment, to Deposit Account No. 02-2135. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for that purpose.

10/31/2003 HWUONG1 00000064 022135 09735995

01 FC:2252      210.00 DA

**EXPRESS ABANDONMENT**

Concurrently with this Petition, Applicants expressly abandon the subject application in favor of the aforementioned continuation application.

<b>RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,</b>					
<i>NAME AND REG. NUMBER</i>	Jeffrey L. Ihnen, Reg. No. 28,957				
<i>SIGNATURE</i>				<i>DATE</i>	30 October 2003
<i>Address</i>	Rothwell, Figg, Ernst & Manbeck Suite 800, 1425 K Street, N.W.				
<i>City</i>	Washington	<i>State</i>	D.C.	<i>Zip Code</i>	20005
<i>Country</i>	U.S.A.	<i>Telephone</i>	202-783-6040	<i>Fax</i>	202-783-6030